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SUMMARY: CHARGE WAS ASSURED BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY JULY 4 THAT CAE WOULD CONTINUE MODERATE POSITION ON
ZIONISM-RACISM AND MIDDLE EASTERN ISSUES. SEPARATELY, GOCAE
HAS TOLD SOUTH KOREAN EMISSARY THAT IT HAS NOT CHANGED ITS
MODERATE POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUES IN SPITE OF BOKASSA'S TRIP
TO PYONGYANG. CHARGE TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING WITH SECRETARY
GENERAL AND LATER FOREIGN MINISTER TO NOTE USG INTEREST IN
AFRICAN COUNTRIES DEVELOPING THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICAN
PROBLEMS AT KHARTOUM. END SUMMARY.

1. CHARGE AND HIS SUCCESSOR CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY
GENERAL SIMON KIBANDA JULY 4 TO PRESENT US VIEWS ON ZIONISM-
RACISM AND MIDDLE EAST AS PER STATE 163024. KIBANDA, WHO WILL
BE MEMBER OF CAE DEL AT KHARTOUM AND BELGRADE AND WILL THEN
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TAKE OVER AS CAE AMBASSADOR IN NEW YORK, INDICATED THAT CAE
POSITION ON ZIONISM-RACISM WOULD NOT CHANGE. (CAE HAS GENERALLY
OPPOSED LINKAGE OF THE TWO.) ON THE MIDDLE EAST, HE SAID
THAT CAE WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EGYPT, WHICH HAD MORE OF A
RIGHT TO SPEAK THAN MORE RADICAL STATES WHICH WERE NOT FACING
ISRAEL DIRECTLY.

2. SIMILAR MODERATION WAS REFLECTED IN THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER MAIDOU'S ASSURANCE TO SOUTH KOREAN EMISSARY CHANG SANG MOON THAT CAE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AND BOKASSA'S VISIT TO PYONGYANG IN MAY ONLY REFLECTED GENERAL CAE POLICY OF MAINTAINING RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR, MAIDOU SAID THAT RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA HAD NOT CHANGED AND THAT THE CAE WAS DOING NOTHING MORE THAN SUPPORTING SEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR INTERPRETS THIS AS MEANING THAT THE CAE WILL CONTINUE TO ABSTAIN ON KOREAN QUESTIONS.

3. CHARGE HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN DRAWING OUT THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AND LATER THE FOREIGN MINISTER, ON HOW AFRICAN QUESTIONS MIGHT BE HANDLED AT KHARTOUM. IN SUBSTANCE, THEY SAID THAT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT MEETING, THAT THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE DIVIDED, AND THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THE OUT-COME. CHARGE EMPHASIZED THAT THE WAY TO PREVENT OUTSIDE INTER-FERENCE IN AFRICA WAS FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO WILL RSPRESENT CAE AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, COMMENTED THAT WHILE AFRICANS MIGHT AGREE ON PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHERS AFFAIRS, AGREEMENT ON APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE WOULD TAKE TIME.
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